

February 23, 2006

Grady McNure  
Army Corps of Engineers  
321 N Mall Drive, Ste L-101  
St. George, Utah 84790-7314

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Bruce Bonebrake  
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources  
1470 N Airport Road  
Cedar City, Utah 84721-0606

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Charles Williamson  
Utah Division of Water Rights  
1594 West North Temple  
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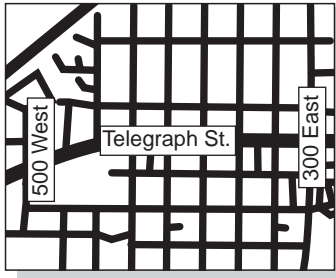
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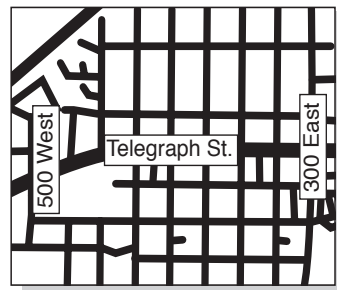
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## Recipe For A Happy New Year! - Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.



## January Calendar

Happy New Year!

January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day!!

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – City Offices Closed.

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Public Meeting for the Telegraph Street (500 West to 300 East) Project – 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

January 10<sup>th</sup> – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

January 11<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

January 24<sup>th</sup> – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

January 25<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

January 28<sup>th</sup> – City Princess Pageant Entry Deadline

## A Sneak Peak at February



## Cotton City Quilters

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog Day

February 7<sup>th</sup> – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

February 8<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

Cotton City Quilters, a chapter of the Utah Quilt Guild, is forming in Washington City. The first meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on March 18, 2006 at the old school house on Telegraph and Main. Be sure to bring a show and tell. If you have any questions call Janice Rogers at 229-4671.





### Washington City Princess Pageant Contestant Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_

#### \*Competition Outline\*

Community Service  
 Presentation Interview (Private)  
 Fitness & Health Presentation (Intro/Production Number)  
 Poise & Presentation (Evening Gown)  
 Artistic Expression Presentation (Talent)  
 On Stage Interview Presentation

#### \*Special Awards\*

Miss Photogenic  
 Director's Award

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Participant's Signature/Parents' Signature Date

For more information call Carolyn at  
 669-6753 or 635-6087

ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 28th  
 WORKSHOPS BEGIN: FEBRUARY 25th

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# Washington City News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*Another year has passed and we look forward to the New Year ahead. Many things are happening in Washington City and some have been planned and looked forward to for a long time. The installation of the traffic signal at Main Street and Telegraph Street and the traffic signal at Middleton Drive and Green Springs Drive will begin in January. The widening of the Washington Fields Road around Nichols Peak will also begin after the first of the year.*

*Our new Public Safety Department will be up and running January 1<sup>st</sup> under the leadership of Chief Jim Keith. We have worked towards having this department for many years and look forward to improved safety in our city. Chief Keith has spent many hours interviewing and selecting employees for this new department. He will begin the task of training and organizing the personnel into the best Public Safety Department in the State. We welcome all of them to our City.*

*I want to recognize our fire department who is also heavily involved in the Public Safety aspect of our city. They are all volunteer citizens who spend countless hours behind the scene protecting our homes and property from fires. They are many times not given the recognition they deserve and they have done an excellent job under the direction of Chief Dwayne Isom for so many years. I want them to know what that we all thank them and appreciate all they do for us citizens.*

*We have an excellent group of elected and appointed officials that serve all of us so well. We also have excellent employees who perform their jobs on a daily basis with diligence and dedication to the citizens. May we all work harder to be better citizens of Washington City and make this the best place on earth in which to live.*

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[Advertise on this site](#)**LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF****Input requested for road improvement**

WASHINGTON CITY - The Utah Department of Transportation encourages the residents and businesses of Washington City to attend a public meeting and share their ideas for potential road improvements of Telegraph Street through Washington City.

A public meeting is scheduled from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 in the Washington City Hall Council Chambers, 111 N. 100 East to identify potential road improvement alternatives and initiate the assessment of environmental impacts. UDOT representatives and Washington City officials will be on hand to answer any questions at the public meeting.

Community members are encouraged to attend and can come and go as they please during the two-and-a-half-hour open meeting.

"Building and improving roads is a process," said Tamerha Maxwell, UDOT project manager. "The process began on Telegraph Street with a feasibility study last year and continues with this environmental assessment phase. We need local citizens to tell us what the road needs to become and how potential solutions might impact their environment and the community."

UDOT is particularly looking for information from business owners, historic property owners, environmental interests and those who use Telegraph Street as a primary transportation artery.

For more information on this environmental phase, contact a project representative at 800-997-8770. More information can also be found on the project Web site at <http://www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet>.

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### **Museum curator to receive award**

WASHINGTON COUNTY - There will be no change to regular service days for Washington County Allied Waste customers for the holidays. Please have your trash at curbside by 6 a.m. on your normal day.

### **Volunteers needed to prepare tax returns**

ST. GEORGE - Would you like to help the low-income families in your community? You can do this by volunteering to prepare tax returns. There is a desperate need for volunteers at VITA sites in St. George and Cedar City. VITA volunteers are trained in simple tax law with an emphasis on the credits available for low-income families.

The training will be offered as formal classroom training using an on-line training program called Link & Learn at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) as a self-study course. All returns are prepared electronically. Depending on the volunteer's previous experience, the training takes anywhere from 16 to 24 hours.

Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of two hours a week from Jan. 17 through April 15. VITA is a valuable service that saves low-income families the cost of going to a professional preparer and ensures they receive all the credits they are eligible for. For more information contact Aimee Parkin at [Aimee.P.Parkin@irs.gov](mailto:Aimee.P.Parkin@irs.gov) or call (801) 799-6795 or Liz Lobato at [llobato@utah.gov](mailto:llobato@utah.gov) or call 865-6543.

### **DWR holds hunter education classes**

CEDAR CITY - A hunter education class has been scheduled in Cedar City. Those interested in participating in the class may register at the Division of Wildlife Resources from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1470 N. Airport Road. The instructors will be Scott Zingleman and Russ Pearson. The class will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 9, 11, 16 and 18, with the shoot on Jan. 14 at Workforce Services, 176 E. 200 North. Students must attend all classes.

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1965, you must complete a hunter education course and obtain a hunter education card to hunt in the state of Utah.

### **Overeaters Anonymous holds public meeting**

HURRICANE - The Hurricane group of Overeaters Anonymous will have an informational public meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the assembly room of the Hurricane Public Library, 36 S. 300 West. Anyone interested in the disease of compulsive overeating is welcome.

There will be information about this serious medical condition, plus a question and answer session. The

CEDAR CITY - Ryan Paul, museum curator at Iron Mission State Park, will receive a Utah Humanities Council Award next month for his program, "Traveling the Painted Canyons: The Utah Parks Company - Its People and Programs 1923-1970."

Paul will be honored at the UHC Humanities Celebration on Feb. 1 in Salt Lake City.

## County library to change hours of operation

ST. GEORGE - The Washington County Library, 50 S. Main, in St. George will have new hours of operations beginning Monday. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

- *The Spectrum*

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## UDOT, residents discuss construction

■ Meeting addresses environmental impact of Telegraph Street repairs

By STEPHANIE COOTS

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ST. GEORGE — The Utah Department of Transportation had a Telegraph Street Environmental Assessment meeting Thursday night for Washington

City residents to vent their concerns and suggestions for the project.

Tamera Maxwell, Utah Department of Transportation project manager, said the meeting represented the environmental assessment — the first

phase of the project. The final plan involves various road improvements for Telegraph Street through Washington City.

Residents and business owners were encouraged to bring any issues to both the UDOT and Washington City officials' attention.

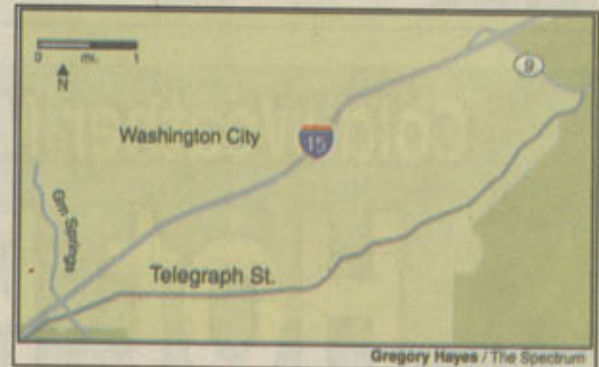
Andy Powell, project manager for URS Cor-

poration — a firm hired by UDOT to assess environmental issues — said these concerns will be closely reviewed and addressed at a future meeting.

"We are fine tuning this issue based on community input," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said a goal already on the plate is to a

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## Something lurks in the lagoon

Unidentified chemical disrupts Hurricane sewage



## Council considers Black Ridge homes

By BRIAN PASSEY

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ST. GEORGE — Up to 260 new homes could dot the West Black Ridge above the "D" in the next few years.

Wayne Harper, representing Development Solutions, outlined a plan Thursday

some councilors were concerned about the proposed development's possible impacts on traffic. Harper said a traffic study is nearly complete, but that a residential development likely would create less traffic than other options like a hotel or time-share units.



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stroke. Sharon aides said they assume he would not return to work."

I'm worried about the future of this country, about everything in this country," said Rafael Levy, a 42-year-old construction engineer from Tel Aviv.

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## MINERS

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brother Jerry was one of the victims, told The Associated Press that he knew that at least four notes were left behind. He said his family did not receive one.

No note was found on the body of 59-year-old machine operator Fred Ware Jr., but daughter Peggy Cohen said she and other relatives who went to identify bodies were

some of the men wrote letters with a similar message: "Your dad didn't suffer."

Cohen said her father had the peaceful look of someone who died of carbon monoxide, and the only mark on his body was a bruise on his chest.

"It comforts me to know he didn't suffer and he wasn't bruised or crushed," she said. "I didn't need a note. I think I needed to visualize and see him."

Randal McCloy, a coal miner, was in a coma, struggling with the effects of oxygen deprivation to his vital organs. Doctors said he may have suffered brain damage. On Thursday afternoon, he was moved from a hospital in Morgantown to one in Pittsburgh for hyperbaric oxygen treatment.

The treatment helps get oxygen to the body's tissues, including the brain, and can help increase blood cells to fight infections or promote

to have a tough course," John Prescott.

The miner's father, Randal McCloy Sr., told The Associated Press that he believes "in his heart" that his son's mostly 50-something colleagues decided during their last, desperate hours to share their dwindling supply of oxygen with his son because he was the youngest of the group and had two young children.

## UDOT

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create a minimum impact process that does not derail environmental issues such as endangered species, historic buildings or community cohesion.

Washington City resident Paul Haring said he is supportive of the Telegraph Street project because he travels the road on a daily basis, and is faced with major traffic problems.

"We all want an easy solution," Haring said. "We have to

## ON THE NET

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start somewhere to fix these problems. This project has to happen."

Cheerine Jordan has lived in Washington City for the past 10 years, and she agreed a change must take place.

"It's not ever going to stay the same," she said. "So I guess we

will have to live with whatever they do."

Though she is accepting UDOT's leadership, Jordan came to the meeting to verify a light signal was scheduled for installation at the intersection of Main and Telegraph. She said she was told one was planned for the highly congested area.

Resident Jack Helsten said he is also for the project, but he believes there are some other issues that should be looked at first. Helsten lives in Winterhaven RV Park in Washington City and he said the

area has a major sewer problem.

"I have lived in the neighborhood for five years and during that entire time we have had a tremendous amount of dust and sewage."

He said the city will have to consider problems such as these before covering them up with major highways and expensive roads.

This environmental assessment section of the project is expected to be completed by early 2007. The actual construction is projected to end in late 2009 or early 2010.

## LAGOONS

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Even without the look and the smell, district workers knew something was wrong. Even the migrating ducks and geese wouldn't land on the two ponds that were contaminated before the system was shut down on Tuesday.

But what contaminated the system is still undetermined. Hall said some unknown chemical or substance was introduced into the system. By backtracking, the district traced the contamination to a manhole in LaVerkin.

Gubler said district workers are keeping an eye on manhole covers and are asking residents

like illegal dumping.

Chemicals are not the only contaminants that can slow down or kill the ponds. Plastic ear swabs and latex shouldn't be put into the system, nor should any cooking grease, oils or unused medications.

Despite the pungent aroma at the lagoons that sat festering for several days, Gubler said the district didn't receive any complaints.

"I was rather surprised," Gubler said.

Even Spendlove, who supervises the growing of alfalfa around the district lagoons and oversees the weed patrol of goats at the lagoons, said the smell Tuesday was not to be believed.

"You really couldn't even get to the lagoons,"

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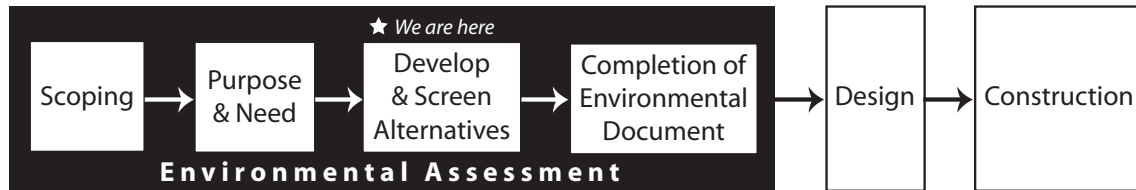
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# Washington City News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*This upcoming month of May, we will celebrate the founding of Washington City with the Cotton Days Festival. There are so many new residents who have moved to our community that I thought I would explain a little about how our city was founded. In the spring of 1857, several families were sent by Brigham Young to settle this area. Previous scouts had determined that we had a semi-tropical climate that would allow crops such as cotton to be grown here. The first families who came were chosen because they were from the South and were very familiar with the growing of cotton; hence we call this part of Utah "Dixie". Robert Covington and Samuel Adair led the two parties. They had great struggles with the heat, arid climate, malaria and lack of food and shelter. Their true sacrifices and struggles will really never be known by any of us as reading about them is far different than actually experiencing them. They did eventually conquer the elements and began the great city we all enjoy today.*

*As part of the Cotton Days Festival, I would invite all citizens to take the time and visit several spots that have great significance to the settlement of Washington City. There have been monuments erected with plaques that help explain the history and experiences of the early settlers at these locations. The Relief Society Building on Telegraph Street, the Adair Springs Monument on 200 East, the Virgin River Monument near the Virgin River Bridge, the Pioneer Memorial Plaza and the Washington City Museum and Granary on Main Street and Telegraph Street, Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park and the Water Wheel in Nisson Park are all places of interest for any citizen. A note of interest is that Star Nursery occupies the Cotton Factory, which was built to process the cotton grown in the pioneer days to produce fabric for the people. There are also plaques in front of some of the historical homes and buildings, which help all of us, experience what happened in those early years of Washington City. The Washington City Museum has many artifacts of that era and all citizens are welcome and encouraged to visit the museum.*

*There is a schedule of events included in this newsletter so that all citizens will be able to participate. The Cotton Days Festival has been extended this year and will begin on Wednesday, May 10th and continue through Saturday, May 13th. Much work has gone into these events by members of the City Celebrations Committee. Next year will be the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Washington City when we will celebrate our 150th Birthday. During the Cotton Days Festival, we will dedicate some Sesquicentennial Projects completed as part of that celebration. Many people are involved in that upcoming milestone for our City and we will keep you updated as the time approaches.*

*There are so many projects going on with the new developments, new businesses, new roads, new traffic signals, new power substations, new public safety departments, the burming and reinforcing of the Virgin River and just the every day to day activities that I want to acknowledge the great job our staff do to keep everything running smoothly. Washington City is truly setting a standard for other cities to follow.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrill Clave".



## New Left-hand Turn Lane on 300 East

The Washington City Public Works Department recently finished a left-hand turn lane headed south on 300 East at Foothill Drive. This project included expanding the road, new lane configuration and paint stripping.

The addition of the turn lane will improve public safety and increase traffic flow through an intersection that has been the site of frequent accidents. Public Safety Director Chief Jim Keith stated, "The turn lane was designed to avoid accidents and help the visibility on the blind corner."

Utilizing the Washington Public Works personnel, their expertise, and City owned equipment, provided significant savings on this project. The expense of the project came from the Public Works General Road Improvement Fund. The resources for the project came from the General Road Improvements Fund. The future plan for 300 East is to widen the road to 80 feet; this will create an increased amount of safety for travelers.

The City of Washington is working hard to make the necessary improvements to increase safety for its citizens. Adding the turn lane on 300 East is just one step towards growing with the changing city.

**ADDITIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:** Middleton Drive and Green Springs: The completion date was May 6th, and the project is about two weeks behind schedule due to weather and materials. The project is moving along well, however, and it is expected that the lights will be working by the end of May! Concerning Main Street and Telegraph, there is continuous work on this light and updates will be posted on the city website, [washingtonty.org](http://washingtonty.org), when a completion date is set.

## Washington City Welcomes New Fire Chief

The Washington City Public Safety Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Chuck Tandy as Division Chief for the Fire Department. Chief Tandy comes to Washington City with over 27 years of professional experience in emergency services management and incident mitigation. Chief Tandy began his career as a Firefighter and Paramedic for the Provo City Fire Department in 1979, during which time he also worked part-time as a Flight Paramedic in Salt Lake City. His leadership abilities were quickly recognized with a promotion to Fire/EMS Captain, followed by advancement to the rank of Battalion Chief. A career move took him to Arizona as the Fire Chief for the Chino Valley Fire District, where he has overseen a very successful department for the past several years.

Chief Tandy is excited to be working here in Washington City and appreciates the progressive attitude and outlook that the city administration has shown. He sees great potential in the department and the opportunity for growth and development in this area. He states that the firefighters he has met so far exhibit tremendous passion for their work and he looks forward to getting to know all of them and developing strong relationships within the Fire Department.

We welcome Chief Chuck Tandy as a new member of the Washington City Public Safety Team.

## Support City Clean Up!

It's a new year and the Code Enforcement Office is hard at work to assure it's a beautiful and safe one. With all the rain and sunshine this spring we have begun to get our annual invasion of weeds and all that come with them. To help citizens in their clean up efforts we have several clean up weekends planned throughout the year. The first is May 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Cotton Days. For dumpster locations go to [www.washingtonty.org](http://www.washingtonty.org) and click on Events Calendar and then on May 5<sup>th</sup> City Clean up. In conjunction with the Clean up weekend the City still offers a large item clean up on the first Monday of the month, contact Public Works at 656-6317 for more information.

Since the beginning of the year we have opened over 30 new cases, not including incidents that were able to be corrected within 24 hours, 15 of those have been closed along with 21 that were carried over from 2005.

We have inspected or otherwise reviewed over 700 business license renewals, and over 50 new business license applications. Along with those we have reviewed, 7 Temporary business permits, and 11 Special event permits.





# Washington City Cotton Days 2006 Schedule of Events

***Come and Celebrate!!***

May 10<sup>th</sup>

Golf Scramble at Green Spring Golf Course.  
5:00 p.m. 3 man teams. For more info call  
Green Spring 435-673-7888.

***Wednesday, May 10th ~  
Saturday, May 13th!***

May 11<sup>th</sup>

Grand Opening of water splash pad at Pineview Park  
5:30-8:00 2050 South Alveo Drive.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Activities all day long in the Veterans Park (old park)

9:00-12:00 Students from local schools will have the opportunity to participate in an educational community history field trip. The Color Country Antique Tractor Association will have tractors and antique farm equipment on display. The Washington City Museum will be open for tours. Staheli Family Farm will sponsor a hands on activity "Planting Seeds of Fun" and a petting zoo.

5:00 p.m. Tractor Pull West of Nisson's Foodtown

6:00 p.m. Cotton Days Opening Ceremony Dinner in the gym of the old rock school. Come and enjoy a delicious dutch oven dinner from Staheli Catering. Announcement of the essay contest winners "These Cotton Fields Are My Home" and presentation of the local outstanding citizen award, entertainment and more. Don't miss out. Tickets available at the City Office: Adults \$8.00 Child (10 & under) \$5.00

8:30 p.m. Movie in the Park – "Davey Crocket" sponsored by the Washington City Chamber of Commerce.

May 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. 5K Run in beautiful Coral Canyon sponsored by the Washington City Chamber of Commerce. Breakfast in the Veterans Park (old park) sponsored by the Washington Lions Club and served up by the Mayor and Council.

9:00 a.m. Parade down Telegraph Street.

10:00-3:00 p.m. Games, craft and food booths, antique tractors and farm equipment on display, museum tours, live entertainment and more in the Veterans Park.

11:00 a.m. Tractor Pull West of Nisson's Foodtown. Featuring antique and classic tractors pulling a weighted sled and competing against each other.





## **CHAMBER CORNER**

April has been a busy month for the chamber and we are excited to update you on all of the new developments.

Washington City Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the first annual 5K Fun Run as part of the Cotton Days celebration. It will be held on Saturday, May 13 and begin at the Heritage Park in Coral Canyon, Washington. Sign-in is at 7:00 A.M. and the race will begin promptly at 7:30 A.M. To register you can go online to [www.washingtoncitychamber.biz](http://www.washingtoncitychamber.biz). You can also pick up a registration form at the Washington city offices or Allen Chiropractic Care at 43 N 300 W Ste B in Washington. The cost of the race will be \$15.00 before April 20<sup>th</sup>, \$20.00 before April 31<sup>st</sup> and \$25.00 after April 31<sup>st</sup> with no guarantee you will receive a t-shirt at the late date. If you have any questions you can call Allen Chiropractic Care at (435)986-1021.

**The location of our monthly luncheons has been changed to the Washington Cultural Hall in the Historical District.** Our next luncheon will be held on May 4 at noon and our guest speaker will be Curt Gordon of the State Trustlands Administration.

Our new website [www.washingtoncitychamber.biz](http://www.washingtoncitychamber.biz) was designed by board member Randy Hunt. After putting in many volunteer hours he has developed a website that includes a list of all chamber members, current chamber and city events, luncheon schedules, information on our board members and committees, and updates on new businesses in the Washington City area. We hope that you will find this website informative and useful.

We are thrilled to welcome Willie B's Mobile Wash and Detail owned and operated by Anthony Miller, and Sierra Mortgage and Lending Company managed by Dave Wheeler as our newest chamber members.

Also next month we will be moving our office location to the Grainery in Washington on Main Street. If there is anything the chamber can do for you please feel free to stop by our new location or email us at [chamberdesk@infowest.com](mailto:chamberdesk@infowest.com). We'd love to hear from you.

Michael Denning  
Chamber President

## **City Hall Contacts**

Many of the local phone books have printed the contact information for Washington City incorrectly which we realize has been a source of much confusion and frustration. Below is a list of contact numbers for City Hall that should help you in your efforts to reach us.

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Animal Control Cellular	680-0231	Police Dept.	986-1515
Building Dept.	656-6326	Power System	656-6300
Business Office	656-6300	Public Works	656-6317
Code Compliance	986-1515, ext 107	Recorder	656-6308
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Human Resource	656-6315	Treasurer	656-6303
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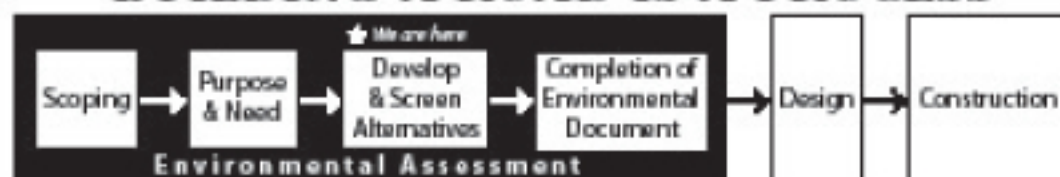
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## A New Addition in the Office!

Washington City recently welcomed our new Planning and Zoning Secretary, Alysha Waldron. Alysha was born in Ogden and raised in Missoula, Montana. She served an LDS mission to St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from BYU in 2005. Alysha moved to southern Utah last year and has enjoyed living here. She has fun doing various activities and loves meeting new people. We are happy to have Alysha join our team at Washington City!! She will be a wonderful addition in the Planning and Zoning Department.

## Attention All Pet Owners!

The Big Fix low cost spay and neuter clinic will be at the Washington City animal shelter on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. The cost is \$50 for female dogs, \$40 for male dogs, \$30 for female cats, and \$20 for male cats. Shots will be available for \$10 each. You must come to the shelter to register and pay in advance. Call 435-673-7194 for more information. Also, A reminder to all dog owners: Licenses are past due! All dogs 4 months old or older in the City are required to have a license. Proof of a current rabies vaccination must be provided to purchase a license. Proof of the dog being fixed must be provided to get the discounted fee. Licenses can be purchased at the City utility office. Animal Welfare Officers will be issuing citations for unlicensed dogs.





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Click on the Economic Development link, click on the Employment link, click on the Volunteer Firefighter link and download the application. Return the application to:

Washington City Fire Station 61  
at 250 W. Buena Vista Blvd.  
For more information call (435) 673-4788

## Pre-Season Swimming

Summer is coming and that means it is time for Swimming!! Get a head start with pre-registration for swimming lessons which will be held on May 6th from 12-4 at the pool. Pre-season pool hours are Friday 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. beginning May 19th. The regular summer season hours will begin on May 30th. Visit the city website for more information and summer hours at [www.washingtoncity.org](http://www.washingtoncity.org)

## May Calendar of Events

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M.  
– City Hall – Council Room

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Chamber Luncheon – 12:00 Noon  
– Cultural Hall in Historic District

May 5<sup>th</sup> – City Clean-up begins. Contact Code Enforcement at [mhendry@washingtoncity.org](mailto:mhendry@washingtoncity.org) with questions

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Daughter's Of Utah Pioneers – 1:00 P.M.  
– Historic Relief Society Hall

May 9<sup>th</sup> – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

May 10<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

May 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> – Cotton Days 2006 – See insert on Page 3 for event details

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Grand Opening of Pine View Park Water Play – 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Washington City Pool Opens – 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Cotton City Quilters – 1:00 P.M. – City Museum (Old Rock School)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

May 24<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day – City Offices closed.



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### Detroit wins Game 5

Ben Wallace sparked the Detroit Pistons defense as they hung on to beat the Miami Heat 91-78 Wednesday in Game 5 of the NBA's Eastern Conference Finals. Miami still leads the series 3-2. / B1



### National Spelling Bee under way

After more than three rounds of spelling such words as "spherize," and "obstreperous," 46 elementary and middle school students remained Wednesday at the end of the first day of tense competition in the annual national spelling bee. Competition continues today. / A9

### Basra has state of emergency

Iraq's prime minister declared a state of emergency Wednesday in once peaceful and oil-rich Basra, as the sectarian and militia violence engulfing the country's capital spread to its southern economic heartland. / A9

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# Vegas wins counterterrorism money

■ Sin City convinces federal  
officials to award \$7.75 million

By LARA JAKES JORDAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The two cities targeted in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks will receive far fewer counterterrorism dollars this year than in 2005 in what the

Homeland Security Department described as a need to spread funding out to other communities facing threats.

Homeland Security officials also noted a \$125 million cut in the funds available for the 2006 fiscal year from last year. In all, 46 cities will

"We expected a cut. But we were able to justify our need. You would think anybody on the planet would recognize Las Vegas as a convention capital."

Clark County emergency management and homeland security administration

share \$740 million in Homeland Security grants to prevent and respond to terror attacks and, to a lesser extent,

other catastrophic disasters like hurricanes.

Las Vegas was due to get \$7.75 million, down from

\$8.4 million last year. But a local official called that amount a testament to local efforts to change the minds

of federal officials after the region was left off an earlier list of the nation's most at-risk urban areas.

"We expected a cut. But we were able to justify our need," said Carolyn Levering, a Clark County emergency management and homeland security administrator. "You would think anybody on the

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Public gets second chance for input on Telegraph project



Jud Burkett / The Spectrum

Traffic passes by a road construction sign on Telegraph Street on Wednesday in Washington. The Utah Department of Transportation is holding

a meeting tonight at Washington City Hall from 4 to 7 P.M. to get local input on alternative construction plans for road work on Telegraph Street.

■ Alternative construction ideas  
to be discussed at public forum

By JILL HUNT

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WASHINGTON CITY — A second public meeting is scheduled for tonight with the Utah Department of Transportation to discuss alternative construction plans for roadwork on Telegraph Street through Washington City.

UDOT representatives met with property and business owners in January to gather public input on the impact construction would have on the historical sections of the area as well as the surrounding environment.

Myron Lee, UDOT public involvement coordinator, said that with the

input from the previous meeting representatives have come up with several different alternative construction ideas. The ideas show how to avoid historical and environmental issues, which will be presented during the public meeting.

"We want to see what will fit into the town the best," Lee said. "We want the public to look at that and choose the best design."

UDOT representatives are seeking more input during the meeting from local business owners, historic property owners, travelers who use Telegraph Street as a primary transportation route and those

## If You Go

■ WHAT: UDOT public meeting on Telegraph Street.

■ WHERE: Washington City Hall, council chambers, 111 N. 100 East.

■ WHEN: 4 until 7 p.m. today. The meeting is open and visitors may come and go as desired.

■ For more information on the Telegraph Street project, visit [www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet](http://www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet) or call (800) 997-8770.

who also may have environmental concerns with the project.

Andy Powell, UDOT project manager, said the options that will be presented tonight will be

either widening Telegraph Street to five lanes or making it a one-way couplet. The second alternative would have westbound traffic on Telegraph St. run one way with eastbound traffic directed down 100 South.

"These are just preliminary options and no way what will happen," Powell said. "These are just ideas we're throwing out there. We're wanting comments from the public. They are the ones that travel it and are more familiar with the area. A lot of good ideas come from them. We've already received some input, have evaluated it and are seeking more improvement ideas to refine even more."

• See TELEGRAPH on A8

# Man accused of kidnapping caught in L.A.

By STEPHANIE COOTS  
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ST. GEORGE — The alleged kidnapper of 15-year-old Misty Dawn Wilson of LaVerkin was captured early Monday morning in Los Angeles County.

Donald David Sperry, 29, faces federal charges of transportation of a juvenile with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity and travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

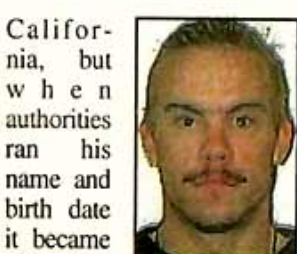
Sgt. Steve Jarvis, with the LaVerkin Police Department, said he couldn't be more relieved this "nine-month man-hunt" is finally drawing to a close.

"This is an arrest we have been waiting for, for a long time," Jarvis said. "It is great that it has finally come to a satisfactory closing."

FBI supervisory special agent Patrick Kiernan said Sperry was picked up on domestic abuse charges in



Wilson



Sperry

California, but when authorities ran his name and birth date it became clear he was wanted on federal offenses as well.

Wilson was recovered on Feb. 21 in Oregon, nearly six months after the alleged

• See KIDNAPPING on A8

# Protesters reflect on civil resistance at Nevada site

By BRIAN PASSEY

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ST. GEORGE — When nearly 40 protesters crossed onto the Nevada Test Site during a Sunday demonstration against Divine Strake, James P. McMahon of Brookside was among those temporarily detained and cited for trespassing on federal land.

"I think that crossing the line at the Nevada Test Site is the most important thing I've done in a long time," he said Monday. "There comes a time when you have to stand up for what you believe in and what your principles are."

But McMahon's action was not without some nervous feelings.

"There was that trepidation," he said. "Was I making the mistake of my lifetime? Was I ruining my career? I couldn't really afford to spend six months in prison."

Though Divine Strake, a 700-ton non-nuclear fuels

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■ For a photo gallery of Sunday's protest at the Nevada Test Site, visit [www.thespectrum.com](http://www.thespectrum.com).

explosion, has been indefinitely delayed, more than 200 people at Sunday's event were there to show the government they want to see it canceled completely. But also at issue were claims of the Western Shoshone Nation to the test site land, which they claim under the 1862 Treaty of Ruby Valley.

Because of that treaty, representatives from the Western Shoshone issued permits to those who decided to cross over onto the site Sunday in an act of civil resistance. The permits said each holder had permission to be on Shoshone land, including the test site.

• See PROTEST on A8

# Utah man charged in enticement case

By STEPHANIE COOTS

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ST. GEORGE — A Kearns resident was arrested Tuesday after local authorities charged him as an alleged Internet predator.

Wai Kit Kwan, 33, was arrested Tuesday morning on charges of enticing a



Kwan

minor over the Internet.

Det. Jonathan McInnes, with the St. George Police Department,

said Kwan believed he was chatting with a female teen from St. George over the Internet.

Police interfered and were ready when he scheduled a meeting with the alleged teen in St. George.

Kwan is being held in Purgey Correctional Facility on \$10,000 bail.

McInnes said these types of crimes are growing more

prominent because the Internet has become more readily accessible to the average citizen.

"Parents need to be aware of what their children are doing at all times on the Internet," he said. "It is impossible to tell who you are really talking to."

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# FLDS trust Web site aims for transparency

By JENNIFER DOBNER

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Beneficiaries of a polygamist church trust who object to dealing with its court-appointed accountant have a new way to get information — a Web site that details activity related to the United Effort Plan Trust.

The site, [www.ueptrust.com](http://www.ueptrust.com), went on line May 22, accountant Bruce Wisan said.

For now the site is fairly simple,

just one page with some stated goals and links to court documents. But, Wisan said, "It's a start."

The site is another step in Wisan's attempt to communicate with trust beneficiaries, most of whom are current or former members of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Wisan will send out a community letter later this week to inform beneficiaries about the site.

Formed in the 1940s as the charitable arm of the church, the

## ON THE NET

■ [www.ueptrust.com](http://www.ueptrust.com)

UEP trust holds an estimated \$100 million in property, including nearly every land parcel and residence in Colorado City and Hildale where most church members live. There's also some land and homes in Bountiful, British Columbia, where a small outpost of members settled.

Wisan's trust guardianship began in June 2005, when a Utah judge ruled that church leaders had negligently left assets vulnerable to liquidation through lawsuits and agreed with state attorneys who said some property had been sold for the personal benefit of fugitive polygamist church leader Warren Jeffs.

Since then, Wisan has been working to catalog the trust assets and get millions in taxes paid in Utah and Arizona.



Submitted

Brookside resident James P. McMahon, center, stands with the Rev. Louis Vitali, right, and Will Parrish on Sunday in the holding pens on the Nevada Test Site near Mercury, Nev. McMahon and nearly 40 others crossed the border to protest Divine Strake and what many believe is government occupation of Western Shoshone land.

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This same scene has played out often at the test site for decades as non-proliferation activists and indigenous rights groups fought against continued government use of the site. But when the Shoshone began issuing permits, law enforcement officials reportedly quit hauling line crossers to jail, said Pete Litster, executive director of Shundahai Network, a group that promotes peace, environmental justice and indigenous rights.

Now those crossing the line peacefully are not technically arrested. McMahon said the sheriff's deputies and site security never read him his rights. They merely detained the group, estimated at 26 women and 12 men, in two separate holding pens for less than two hours before citing and releasing the detainees.

McMahon now has a citation for trespass on federal land, which carries a price tag of \$320. However, an officer told him to do nothing about the citation unless he was summoned.

The Nye County, Nev., Sheriff's Office did not immediately respond to a phone call for this story.

McMahon said he decided to travel three hours to the test site, about 150 miles west of St. George, to support the Western Shoshone struggle. He did not know they would be invited to participate in direct action by crossing the line.

But before the line crossing, the protesters gathered in a circle talk where indigenous rights groups spoke about the fight for Western Shoshone land. McMahon said their words inspired him to join in the direct action.

## Shundahai Network

Eileen McCabe-Olsen of West Jordan, associate director of the

Shundahai Network, also crossed onto the test site for her first time.

"It was a very empowering experience," she said Wednesday.

The men and women who crossed the line were placed into two holding pens separated by a cinderblock wall with barbed wire on top. Those in the women's pen with McCabe-Olsen were from at least five different states and ranged in age from their early 20s to a couple of Western Shoshone women in their 80s.

The women sat in a circle, introduced themselves, sang songs and exchanged poetry. One of the Shoshone women, Carrie Dann, a spiritual leader, also told stories to the group.

McCabe-Olsen is also a part of Pom Poms Not Bomb Bombs, a group of radical cheerleaders. She and another member of that group led the women in performing cheers for the guards.

"We got some smiles and clapping from (the guards)," she said. "That was pretty nice."

Though Litster did not cross the line Sunday, he has on previous occasions. Three of his citations hang on the wall of his Salt Lake City apartment. No authorities have ever contacted him regarding the citations.

Litster said the Shundahai Network was formed in 1994 to help organize direct action and civil resistance at the site. The purpose is to shut the site down to all government actions except radioactive cleanup activities.

He said groups cross the line at the site every New Year's Eve and he did it himself in 2003. Since the Western Shoshone began issuing permits, he said law enforcement has been lenient as long as the protests remain peaceful.

"Sometimes (those crossing the line) don't even give their real names," he said. "We've had Fred Flintstone arrested. We've had many Jane Does arrested."

# University of Utah student falls to death at Yosemite

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A University of Utah student died in a fall while hiking in Yosemite National Park, a park spokeswoman said.

Evan Anderson, 20, was climbing Glacier Point by himself when he reached for his camera and fell 1,700 to 1,800 feet.

The accident happened during the Memorial Day weekend. Park workers found a vacant car that had been parked for an unusually long time and traced it to Anderson's roommate, who then informed them he had lent it to Anderson.

Anderson's friends said he

"I think that the way that he went is very fitting toward who he was. He was just there to explore and to do new things."

— Joel Stice  
friend of Evan Anderson

died doing what he loved.

"I think that the way that he went is very fitting toward who he was," Joel Stice told KTVX. "He was just there to explore and to do new things."

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Powell said that after tonight's meeting, UDOT will evaluate the comthey may have, recommend a preferred alternative and present the ideas at another public meeting in a few months.

Powell said UDOT is still seek-

ing funding for the construction that is projected for 2010. The environmental study is scheduled to be finished by the beginning of 2007, with the design and construction phases to complete upon receiving funding.

According to the UDOT Web site, the study areas for the project are from 100 N. to 100 South and 500 W. to 300 East.

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He added parents need to not only watch what their kids are doing on the Internet, but they also need to monitor who they are talking to and the lingo their kids are using.

"It doesn't take much to post a picture on the Internet," McInnes said. "Some adults will pose as kids, and the victim won't know any different."

McInnes said people should never arrange a private meeting with someone they have met over the Internet.

"Most of all never give out your personal information," he

## INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

- Never give personal information over the Internet.
- Never arrange a meeting from the Internet.
- Parents should monitor their children at all times, including who they are talking to and what language they are using.
- Users should always use caution because anyone can pose as something they are not.

said. "This can include your address, last name, date of birth, Social Security number, school you attend or the names of your parents."

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The EA is available for public review at the following locations:

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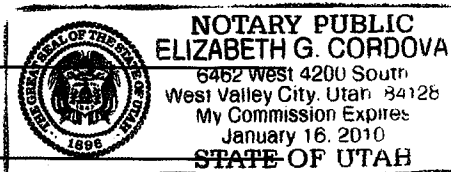
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## **UDOT Seeks Public Input on Plans for Telegraph Street**

**WASHINGTON CITY, UTAH** – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) encourages residents and business owners from Washington City to attend a public hearing, to review and comment on the draft environmental document and proposed roadway alternatives to improve Telegraph Street through Washington City.

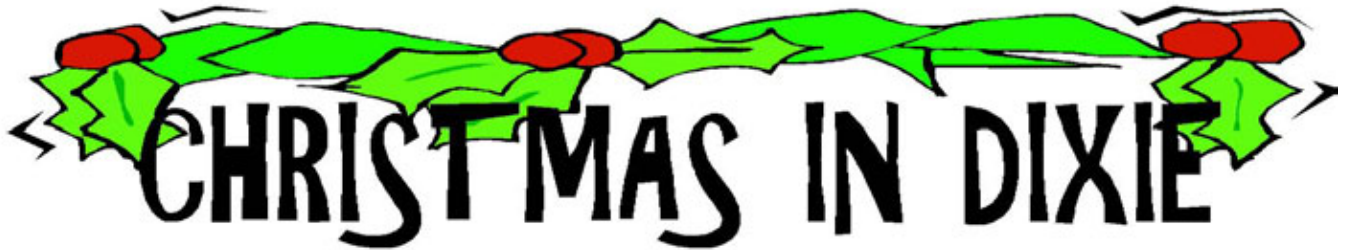
A public hearing is scheduled Tuesday, December 18, 2007 from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Washington City Hall - Council Chambers (111 North 100 East, Washington, UT) to review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which includes a description of the purpose and need of the project, the preferred alternative, the affected environment, an environmental impacts analysis, and proposed mitigation measures.

UDOT representatives and Washington City officials will be on hand to answer any questions at the public hearing. Community members are encouraged to attend and can come and go as they please during the three-hour open meeting.

UDOT is particularly seeking the opinion of business owners, property owners, and those who use Telegraph Street as a primary transportation artery.

For more information on this environmental document, contact a project representative at 800-997-8770. More information can also be found on the project website at <http://www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet>.

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# CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE

Take advantage of the map and addresses provided in this issue of the newsletter and on our website to visit the homes and neighborhoods that have entered our first "Christmas in Dixie" light contest. You can vote for your favorite entry on our website until December 9<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all the citizens who entered and voted.

Winners will be announced in December and the awards presented at the City Council Meeting on December 12, 2007.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**Please join us for the Telegraph Street Improvement  
Project Public Hearing.**



**Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2007**

**Time: 4:00 -7:00 pm**

**Place: Washington City Hall - 111 North 100 East,  
Washington, UT**

**The purpose of this hearing is to present the draft environmental document, discuss the preferred roadway alternative, and receive public comment.**

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## UDOT seeks input on Telegraph

By **ALYSON VAN DEUSEN**  
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ST. GEORGE — Washington City residents have an opportunity today to provide input for the Utah Department of Transportation improvement project to widen Telegraph Street.

Representatives from the Utah Department of Transportation will hold a public input meeting today

from 4 to 7 p.m. in the city council room of the Washington City office building.

The meeting is organized in an open house format, where people can look at different street options, ask questions and have a court recorder document their preferences for the project, said Myron Lee, who heads public involvement for UDOT.

"We're hoping to draw an audience from the businesses and residents along Telegraph Street," Lee said.

The Department of Transportation plans to expand Telegraph Street to five lanes, Lee said.

"There's no doubt that Telegraph needs to be widened," said Roger Carter, Washington City Manager.

Carter said the road has become

congested and that drivers are getting into accidents while attempting to turn into businesses across the street.

The improved road will include a median with designated turning areas to help the traffic flow, Carter said.

The road will have two lanes on both sides of the street with a turn lane in between, he said.

The big issue, however, is how wide the lanes should be.

UDOT believes 11-foot lanes would be the best option, however an option for 12-foot lanes is also being considered, Lee said.

A typical travel lane is about 12 feet wide and Interstate lanes are 14 feet wide, he said.

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"They will build the plant here so the power goes to Nevada and the pollution goes to Washington County," Booth said.

Frank Maisano, spokesman for Toquop Energy, said the plant would be extremely clean and that because of its location would have minimal affect on the environment in Washington County.

"We're building one of the cleanest power plants," he said. "It's not going to have any impacts on the region

"I'm happy with the number of people that were here," she said. "I sent the governor a lump of coal and a personal note."

Alder was also pleased with the turnout.

"It's inspiring to know the new voices of Washington County are respectful, informed and organized," he said. "I feel grateful to the outpouring of support to protect our health and economic development that follows clean air."

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"The difference is how the road feels when you go down the road," Lee said. "It's a lot more comfortable driving a vehicle down a wide lane."

But wider lanes will take property from business and homeowners along the street, Lee said.

Historic properties along the road could also lose property.

Property owners would have to give up about 1.6 acres for the wider road, Lee said.

With the narrower streets, owners will still have to give up about 1.5 acres of land, he said.

Owners are paid full market value for the property they sell for the project, Lee said.

Lee said the added lanes are

needed because traffic along Telegraph has increased.

"If we wait any longer, the street will be a failure point, where a street doesn't function the way it ought to function," Lee said.

Any time UDOT has a road project like the one for Telegraph street, employees create a feasibility study and then an environmental study, Lee said.

UDOT has just finished the environmental study and is ready to begin the design phase, followed by the construction phase.

Lee said he does not know when funding will be available to begin construction, but said construction could begin between 2011 and 2013.

Carter said the city is working with the Legislature to reach an earlier start date.



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## Options discussed for Telegraph

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WASHINGTON CITY  
— Residents voiced mixed opinions about the Telegraph Street improvement project during a public hearing at the Washington City offices on Tuesday.

### GROWTH

More than 75 people attended the event, where residents and business owners examined three options that would widen Telegraph Street to five lanes from 500 West to 300 East.

Each of the options were configured with both narrow

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lane widths, where each lane would be 11 feet across, and wide widths, where each lane would be 12 feet across.

The three options take slightly different paths and have the potential to impact different business and residential property, said Myron Lee, who heads the public involvement department for the Utah Department of Transportation.

"We want to impact the community as little as pos-

sible," Lee said.

Although five 12-foot lanes, or 95 feet, would offer the most comfort to drivers, UDOT prefers the third alternative with 11-foot lanes, Lee said.

"We can't do a 95-foot width without wiping out buildings," he said during the public hearing.

For a retired Utah State Roads employee, 12-foot roads would be the best option.

"There's a lot of traffic that goes through here, and 11 feet is too narrow," said Rhaldo Turner. "You'll never wish you had smaller lanes."

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## An early Christmas

The Loft pampers  
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## Teen pleads guilty to murder

By TIFFANY DE MASTERS

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ST. GEORGE — A 15-year-old boy pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon in 5th District Court to the murder and rape of 15-year-old Keely



"Myself, the county and prosecuting attorneys have had extensive communication with the Department of Corrections because he (Hernandez) will be the only one of that age that will be there," he said.

Boyack said this is a horrific thing.

"Carlos has internalized this a lot more than people know," he said. "He feels a great deal of remorse."

Ryan Shaum, Washington County Attorney, called it a fair and just verdict.

"It was a profound tragedy for everybody, from Keely, to her parents, to Carlos' mother and to Carlos who has lost his innocence and freedom," he said. "The sentence was deserved. It doesn't rectify the tragedy but hopefully the (Hall) family will find some peace."

Shaum said the incident took place in the early hours of Dec. 10 when Hernandez met Hall at a park.

"He (Hernandez) made sexual advances, they were rebuffed," he said. "He became angry and began assaulting her and in the process she was raped."

Shaum added in the process of the assault Hall stopped breathing. Cause of death is said to be strangulation.

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genetic flaws at the neuromuscular junction where the nerve and muscle cells communicate.

Guzman said the various fundraising efforts will help offset the medical costs incurred by

Esplin's daughter and her husband. The couple, Guzman said, lives in Lehi and hopes to take Miles to the Mayo Clinic for treatment but said that can't happen until Miles is 7 months old.

"We are trying to help offset costs and help pay for anything the family

may need such as transportation and a place to stay," Guzman said.

Marc Mortensen, assistant to Esplin, said a fund has been set up for Miles at Village Bank and many civic and church groups are getting involved to help the family.

Mortensen said in his

Submitted photo: Fotheringham is shown in these recent photos with members of his family. He will be able to get treatment at the Mayo Clinic for his condition when he is 7 months old. Community members are reaching out to his family with help and support.

neighborhood, instead of exchanging gifts with neighbors, the money for gifts instead is being donated to the fund to help the Fotheringham family.

Guzman said city employees wanted to help Esplin's grandson, an effort that has grown throughout the community of those who want

to show support.

Guzman said Bill Randa, owner of the Pizza Factory, is helping with the fundraising by keeping costs down for the lunch.

"This is for anyone who wants to stop by and show support for this young family with this trying illness in their family," Guzman said.

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Expanding Telegraph Street to two lanes traveling both east and west, in addition to a turn lane, would require UDOT to purchase land from residents and business owners.

With UDOT's preferred alternative, two businesses and one resident would have to relocate.

Jerry Fulmer, who came to the hearing, said he does not want to see the Nissan store lose property or have to relocate, which could happen if the third alternative is chosen.

"I know it has to be done, but I don't want to see those businesses taken out," Fulmer said.



Andy Powell with URS Corp discusses the different variations on the proposed plan to widen Telegraph during a UDOT sponsored forum on the project.

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For Jeffery and Raenelle Hudson, preserving the historic buildings along Telegraph Street is the first priority.

"Our biggest concern is keeping the historical homes," Raenelle said.

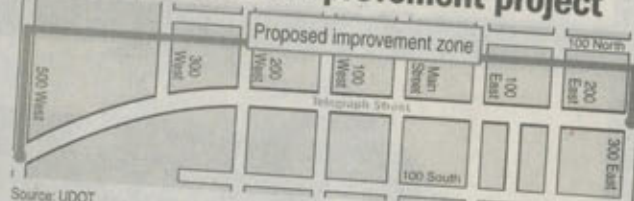
UDOT's preferred alternative would not impact any

historical homes, though alternatives with 12-foot lanes would impact two historical buildings.

Linda Stewart had a different concern.

For Stewart, the main concern is the proposed median that would block vehicles

## Telegraph Street improvement project



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traveling east to make a left-hand turn onto 300 West.

Stewart owns Curves of Washington City, which is located on 300 West. With UDOT's preferred alternative, Curves customers would have to turn onto 200 West or make a U-turn.

"I was hoping for a left-hand turn lane at 300 West," Stewart said. "I can see more people getting into accidents by making a U-turn at 200 West than making a left-hand turn."

Lee said UDOT will listen

to the public's concerns and read through written statements before issuing a final draft.

"We are glad people are talking," he said. "It's not too late to hear from other people. There are still a lot of decisions to be made."

All three alternatives can be seen at [www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet](http://www.udot.utah.gov/telegraphstreet). People can also comment on the Web site or by calling (800) 997-8770.

The public hearing period ends Dec. 31.

women who stay there

## Response to Public Comment on the Telegraph Street Improvement Project

### Support for the Preferred Alternative

#### Comments:

- Alternative 3 will impact people less than any other and is preferred to keep businesses running and supporting families and tax base
- I am very much in favor of Alternative 3. Washington City needs this improvement to happen as fast as possible. Very good presentation.
- I like the preferred alternative #3. Less overall impact.
- I like the alternative 3 because of the median and less impact.
- I would like to see alternative 3 put into effect - providing for a northbound left turn lane onto 300 West. Do not block any north/south traffic at intersections. (The second portion of this comment is addressed below in: Opposition to the Preferred Alternative.)
- After looking at all the alternatives, and I've been involved in, at least, looking at them, that I very much support the alternative three, the narrow width option, which you have – which has been selected by Utah DOT, and only hope that we can go forward with it as quickly as possible.
- I'm just for alternative three, definitely alternative three.
- Okay. And, you know, I understand it's going to affect some businesses. My son owns a business out on 200 East – or West, I mean. And they're kind of concerned about it. And, anyway, we just want to put our input in this. My – daughter in law called me, and she was very upset about this and was afraid because somebody told her that their business could possibly be totally demolished, and they would take the property and relocate them somewhere else. But they would never get the money that it's worth. And the location is ideal for their business. So we're for alternative three.

#### Response:

Thank you for your comment. Alternative Three – Narrow is the Preferred Alternative.

### Opposition to Alternative Three-Narrow (Preferred Alternative)

#### Comments:

- I liked the wide presentation #1. It will give a better feel for the city and room for cyclists and such.
- I would like to see alternative 3 put into effect - providing for a northbound left turn lane onto 300 West. Do not block any north/south traffic at intersections.

#### Response:

Washington City is in the process of developing a Trails Master Plan; however it is known that Telegraph Street will not be a bicycle route as part of that master plan. The City will likely choose a less congested, safer street for cyclists to utilize. The main reason Alternative One (wide presentation) was eliminated as the Preferred Alternative because there would be a large number of potential relocations (9 total), two of the relocations would be historic buildings. Alternative One (wide presentation) would potential relocate more residential and business buildings than any other Build alternative.

In response to the comment concerning the left turn lane onto 300 West - Details for the Preferred Alternative (Alternative Three) will continue to be refined through the final design phase, and public comment will be considered throughout the design. There have been three median placement designs proposed for the project, during final design the median placement and turning lanes could be adjusted depending on public comment.

### Effects to Businesses

#### Comments:

- I don't want The Burger Place to go. I have been going there since I was a kid, my kids go there and now my grandson goes.
- Burger Stop on 115 West would have plenty of room if you shifted to the south side of the street.
- Looks like you sure want to take the Burger Place - you could cut the divider to 1 foot, move to the south 2 ft and leave it be - all you are taking on the south is lawn - no historical about lawn.
- The Burger Place restaurant located at the northwest corner of Telegraph and 100 East is one of the few vibrant businesses located within the old town area. It appears that unjustified preference is being given to the lawn of the relief society building over saving a valuable business. While I appreciate the extensive thought given to the preferred alternative, may I suggest further consideration of the following alternatives:
  - It appears that approximately a 12 to 15 foot adjustment of the northerly curb lane would be required to save the Burger Place.
  - The preferred alternative recommends a raised center island at 100 E. Since all left turn movements would

be eliminated, the 14 foot raised median could be reduced to 3 feet.

- A 2-3 foot encroachment of the south curb into the Relief Society lawn would not impact this historical significance of the facility.
- The curb shifts recommended above may provide sufficient space to construct the required lanes and save the Burger Place.
- In addition, a small 4 foot section landscaped strip in front of the existing building may be eliminated.
- We support our family with our business some of the alternatives take our business out. I know that we are compensated but not to our benefit and relocation would mean a decline in our customer base. I don't agree with any option but alternative 3 narrow width option allows us to stay in business and support out family.
- Just wondering about my job.
- One other thing, it's important to the citywide plans for renovation of the downtown to proceed with the completion of Telegraph Avenue as quickly as possible. If we fail to do that, then – if we delay or fail to do that, then we're going to delay any further economic or traditional area of Washington City. We need to proceed quickly.

**Response:**

The design of Alternative Three – Narrow (Preferred Alternative) that has been developed through the environmental phase currently shows the need to acquire the Burger Place. This is a preliminary design. During the next phase – the final design phase, the project team will look for ways to reduce impacts along the entire corridor. The Burger Place was not targeted as a business that needed to be removed; it is just located where the new roadway designs would need to travel because of design constraints. During final design the public will again be able to comment on the design and there may be a resolution that would allow the Burger Place to remain and that would also allow the roadway to be constructed to meet current and future traffic conditions.

The current Preferred Alternative cannot avoid the acquisition of the Burger Place because shifting the roadway to the south would require acquisition of a historic property. Because of federal rules and regulations included in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, and the Historic Preservation Act, the property on the south side of the street (Historic Relief Society Building) must be avoided if it can be avoided.

Concerning decreasing the 14 foot raised median to 4 feet at 100 East – This comment will be taken in to consideration during the final design phase. There may be opportunity to decrease the width of the median at this location; however, all design standards and safety standards must be met, and the median may not be able to be reduced to 3 feet, but it might be able to be reduced to something less than 14 feet.

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**Comments:**

- Who will determine fair market value for real estate purchased? As a convenience store/gas station/custom full service car wash who and how will it be determined to subsidize any loss of income during the project? In addition, my gas station will lose two pumps. How will that indefinite loss of income be compensated? How will you determine an indefinite loss on revenue stream?
- The information was presented very well. But, as a business owner here in Washington City that is going to be torn down, it leaves us not understanding where we stand. Our plan has been to sell our business (The Burger Place on Telegraph) but unable to do that now leaves us not knowing what our options are. As per our discussion with Andy Powell the night of the meeting - our concern is we are 71 years old and have spent the last 11 years developing the Burger Place into a valuable business we could sell to give us money to retire on??? - it is very difficult to figure out a way to do that now???
- We're, my son and I, are dentists on the corner of 195 West Telegraph. If you widen Telegraph Street, it will eliminate our parking. What do we do? Do you relocate us? What happens? That's all. You solve that and we're happy. Thank you. Our parking is so tight right now, if you take two feet we lose all of our parking. I'm the dentist on the upstairs level. The physician, who is in the downstairs level is ready to retire and would love to retire. Rather than relocate the dentists or us upstairs, it would be way nice to basically buy him out or relocate him, and then we could use his parking. He'd be happy; we'd be happy. We wouldn't complain. The state would be happy. That would work out. And I just talked to him, and he would love to do that as well.

**Response:**

To meet the project purpose and need, the Preferred Alternative design of Telegraph Street will require the partial acquisition of 44 properties along Telegraph Street, totaling 1.56 acres. The Preferred Alternative will require three total acquisitions to complete the improvements. Emphasis to reduce any acquisitions will be made during final design.

The Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) property acquisition process will be implemented, which begins with an appraisal inspection for each property. UDOT's appraiser researches fair market value for property, property use, property income, etc... The partial property purchases along Telegraph Street will be paid per square foot. This includes the structures, fences, and any landscaping, or other improvements within the partial acquisition. Property owners will be contacted by a UDOT acquisition agent following the appraisal to make an offer at fair market value (FMV).

Temporary easements may also be necessary during the construction of the improvements along Telegraph Street. The State would also pay for the right to use a property for a temporary period time (during construction). This period will automatically expire at the conclusion of a construction project or on a specific date. A similar process to what was listed above would be followed to determine the FMV for the temporary use of a property.

Payment for all acquisition should come within 30 days following a right of way acquisition agreement is made.

Each and every property acquisition (total or partial) will be handled as a new and separate appraisal. Each and every person will be worked with one-on-one, and all efforts will be made to create a solution that is appropriate for all involved parties.

### **Access and Raised Medians**

#### **Comments:**

- If medians were put in blocking our access it would directly affect our business. We need to have access from Telegraph going in both directions. Our business thrives on access.
- Lower the speed limit. Please do not put in a solid median. It is unsafe in that our delivery trucks will not be able to move swiftly, thus holding up traffic endlessly. With the solid medians right in front of our driveway makes it impossible for our delivery trucks to get into our driveway and will be unsafe to even try to get into driveway. I'm sure this can be corrected.
- Please consider the access on and off Telegraph to side streets. The dips which now serve as drains impede getting on and off Telegraph. Hopefully, cross street maintenance will be addressed by Washington City.
- I am very disappointed that there will be no fifth lane for turning left onto 300 W from Walmart. My business is hurt now by no left turns. I was told before buying the business in Feb 2006 that the road would be widened and access to 300 W was in the plan. I cannot see how funneling all turns onto 200 W or a U turn at this point is any safer with 2 lanes now to cross. I am for a left turn lane (5th lane) onto 300 West. Where are the impacts of funneling hundreds (possibly 300) down 200 W. 3 Staheli rental barns hold from 79-200 persons each. My Curves runs through 170 women 6 days a week daily.
- On Alternative 3 Narrow, if traveling east you wouldn't be able to make a left into my car lot. You would have to go to the corner of 100 W and turn around. If you put a median through that 100 W intersection, not only would you not be able to turn left into my car lot, but you wouldn't be able to turn around at 100 W either so you would have to go to Main Street and go around the block and come back. You would really have to be determined to get to my lot to put up with that. Also, why don't you (if you're putting in a median through 100 W intersection narrow the median to a foot wide concrete strip and take that 14 foot out of the width of the road there and save the Burger Place building. That could work out on that corner.
- I attended the 12/18/07 public forum, and you show good plans for improving traffic flow on Telegraph Street with Alternative 3 Narrow. Traveling to work from St. George, I'm disappointed re: no turn lane at 300 West; however, you're ideas of a raised landscaped median will prevent drivers from turning left at 300 West when currently some drivers are not supposed to do but do it anyway. For the time being, until the project begins, an idea is to relocate one of those "No Left Turn" signs onto the triangle at 300 West that is supposed to but unfortunately is not deterring drivers from turning left. But, going from one lane each direction to two lanes will help ease the occasional frustration of turning left onto 200 West. The other concern is the Nissan hardware store at 10 E. Telegraph--it appears that its impact is to be demolished or to be decreased in size, but if demolished, will it be relocated convenient to the downtown district? Isn't there a plaque at the ENE side of the store suggesting that it is historic? Thank you for giving us the chance to offer our input.
- We own the property on Telegraph and 3<sup>rd</sup> West. And since they've putten a no left turn in there, some of the businesses have lost, at least, 30 percent of their business because they can't come into that. One of the options we looked at that they say is the best that shows a median through that way, well, they still can't make a left turn. We have 21 businesses right now, and we're going to expand to more than that. We're very concerned that they've taken the left turn – I mean, made it no left turn on 300 West and Telegraph. Hope they can do everything they can to open that back up. Thank you.
- Suggestions to Alternative #3:
  - The blockage of a median will keep out big trucks from entering our business. It is too tight of a turn.



-The median should be only 12' not 14' so it is only 83' wide.

**Response:**

UDOT installs medians on principal and minor urban arterials to improve safety. Studies have shown that raised medians prevent crashes caused by crossover traffic, reduce headlight glare, and provide pedestrian protection. Raised medians have been associated with less right angle, sideswipe, head on, and rear end collisions. Raised medians also allow pedestrians to cross the road in two segments rather than one, giving them less distance to travel before reaching a safe zone. Raised medians also improve the flow of traffic through a corridor by reducing the number of potential conflict points which can also help reduce congestion. For these reasons, raised medians will continue to be planned along this corridor.

In response to the comments concerning the left turn lane onto 300 West - Details for the Preferred Alternative (Alternative Three) will continue to be refined through the final design phase, and public comment will be considered throughout the design. There are currently three median placement designs proposed for the project, during final design the median placement and turning lanes could still be adjusted depending on public comment. The public will be informed of any and all opportunities to provide comments during the final design phase. Comments from the public are important to every phase of this project.

A 2004 study conducted for UDOT by members of the Brigham Young University Civil and Environmental Engineering Department has shown that raised medians do not impact commercial businesses which are specific destinations such as grocery stores, restaurants, banks etc., and that traffic congestion may cause a motorist to avoid a particular business more than direct access concerns.

The placement of the median provides an area to beautify the corridor with landscaping. The landscaping used will be water wise and the trees will not reach a large enough caliper to pose a risk as a fixed object within the roadway. Existing landscaping is not being removed to provide room for landscaping within the medians.

**Lanes and Lane Width**

**Comments:**

- 12 foot lanes - I have observed most large trucks going up Green Springs Drive, use the left lane because the right lane is two foot narrower.  
Limit the size of trucks to 3 axles - We don't want to make Telegraph a truck route for semi-trucks with 2-3 trailers.  
More trucks, more noise - Large trucks may use the wider road as a truck route. Trucking businesses like Andrus should be located on the outskirts of town, not Middleton Road where they cause much congestion.
- I would vote for the 12 foot lane width. This area has a large population of retired person. A lot of these older people should not be driving, but they are. They need all the road width they can get.
- The wider the better: 95 foot wide is a must! 1. 4 foot shoulders are much safer for vehicles that break down. 2. A lot of large trucks travel Telegraph. 3. There is a lot of traffic on this street at all times of the day. 4. Many traffic accidents occur on this street! When an accident happens it nearly shuts the street down.  
300 West needs to be changed so traffic coming eastbound will be able to turn in for the businesses.
- I am in agreement for the wider 12 foot lanes. Telegraph is a major transportation artery to get from St George to Hurricane. There are numerous construction vehicles towing large equipment on trailers that would endanger anyone traveling to the side of them if they swerved even inches for any reason. As it is, they can hardly turn down 300 East because of they sharp turn radius - several times those of us in the left turn lane (to get on Telegraph) have to "back up" to allow enough room for them to turn. How can you possibly think 11 foot lanes would work? Also, the width of buses and even RV's are such that you have too narrow of spaces between - especially if you take into account the huge side mirrors required on so many of these vehicles to be able to monitor their loads. The city/state would constantly be so involved in claims of liability of person and property damage, that they extra foot would be well worth the investment to ensure the safety of those using our highway. Unfortunately, building seldom accommodates future growth, especially to the proportions Washington has experienced. The casualty of losing certain properties is inevitable if we are going to make our roads safer for travel.
- I would like the 12' lanes implemented for a better quality of travel. There is such an increase of traffic in the city now and there are lots of subdivisions in the fields area that haven't even begun to build out yet. I am in the building trade and see the expansion as very much needed.
- Well, I haven't got a lot to say other than I'd like to see 'em put in the wide width, the 12-foot travel lanes. This is right in the center of Washington, which is the center of Washington County. I just mean this is a very special place, the whole areal. And I know that wide lanes would be the best to have clear into the future. I



thought of Brigham Young, when he come to Salt Lake Valley and put 200 foot roads up there with horses and wagons and handcarts, and nobody has ever wished they was narrower. And I worked for the highway department down here for 25 years, for the state roads here in this area. And I've been retired for 20 years. And I've never heard anybody say they wished they had that narrower road. They always –no matter how wide they make 'em, they always are pleased with 'em, and there's less accidents. They're safer; they last longer, and they just fit better. That's all I can say. But I would – I would, like I say, being's we're going to do this—and this should be never redone. It should be the final road we're going to build here, I think. It ought to be the wide 12-foot travel lanes. Thank you.

- It appears that UDOT, by favoring 11 foot lanes, is again taking the cheap way out in southern Utah. Safety should be the main concern of the Dept. of Transportation! Historical conservation is important, but not as important as safety. One of the comments I read this morning is that Nisson's Grocery Store parking might be shortened. If you hadn't noticed, their parking lot has not been even half full for the last several years. I might remind you that historical buildings can be moved if they are affected. It appears that conserving historical buildings is not all that important in Washington City since we have Star Nursery in the old Cotton Mill building. I would rather have a few historical buildings impacted, than to have a long history of accidents on the "improved" portion of Telegraph Street. UDOT's legacy should be that they improved safety whenever possible in all of their projects. It is possible for this project!

**Response:**

Eleven foot lanes were chosen for the Preferred Alternative because the lane width would reduce impacts to properties along Telegraph Street and would still meet the design and safety standards set forth by UDOT and AASHTO for lane widths. Curb and driveway openings would be modified, if needed, to accommodate vehicles turning on and off from Telegraph Street.

Vehicles experiencing break downs or collisions should be cleared from the shoulder of the roadway as quickly as possible, to keep safe from traveling vehicles along Telegraph Street. The purpose of the shoulder is not to accommodate the width of a car; it is simply to provide a buffer between the roadway and the curb and gutter, and ultimately the sidewalks.

**Pedestrian and Traffic Safety**

**Comments:**

- We are concerned about a lack of stoplights/pedestrian crossings between 500 W and Main Street. At the beginning of 500 W, there is a bus stop on both sides of the street. How will these children cross the road to the bus stop and Nisson Park? We do not feel a crosswalk is sufficient considering most drivers do not stop for anyone at a crosswalk. We think a pedestrian crosswalk for kids (or even a stoplight) would benefit the children crossing.
- 500 West is currently in need of traffic light - extremely difficult to make left turns on Telegraph. Home east of Town and Country would be severely impacted because of the slope. We favor Alternative 3.
- We need to see the speed limit lowered to 30 MPH or 25 MPH to keep the drivers safe out of our shop.  
Suggestions to Alternative #3:  
-We only need 3' sidewalks. 5' is not needed. It takes our sign away and too much parking.

**Response:**

One of the project purposes, as stated in Chapter One of the Environmental Assessment, is to improve safety. Future conditions along Telegraph Street will likely warrant a signal at 500 West. A Traffic Signal Warrant Study would be conducted near the time of construction to determine whether or not a traffic signal will be installed. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices lists eight signal warrants (Eight-Hour Vehicular Volumes, Four-Hour Vehicular Volumes, Peak Hour, Pedestrian Volumes, School Crossing, Coordinated Signal System, Crash Experience, and Roadway Network). If any of them are met, a signal should be considered.

The roadway was designed to meet the current speed limit enforced within the project area. During final design of the roadway public input will be gathered and if there are enough comments about speed limit and safety, a reduced speed limit could be decided on in that phase.

The sidewalks were designed to be 5-foot because this meets the current safety standards that UDOT must follow when designing roadways in this sort of setting (i.e. urban/sub-urban). A wider sidewalk also gives Washington City the opportunity to continue towards their goal of a walkable downtown area. As stated in the Washington City Master Plan.

## Historic Properties

### Comments:

- While I agree that traffic has become very congested on Telegraph and that something needs to be done about it; I am asking you to please choose to leave out historic buildings. Having lived in Washington my entire life and having my parents and grandmother raised here as well, the "Old School House" holds several memories. Not only for me personally but for all who come to Washington visiting these historic sights are education and a great way to spend time. We have always prided ourselves for being "where Dixie began" yet we are looking at tearing down the school house and relief society buildings. The Cotton Mill has already been turned into a business rather than being a place for people to tour and learn about our heritage, which I guess is better than being torn down. Let's not take away any more of these historic buildings. Thanks for listening.

### Response:

The historic properties along Telegraph Street would be maintained to the extent possible. The Preferred Alternative does not require the relocation of any listed or eligible historic buildings. The Preferred Alternative would have minor impacts to eight historic properties. The impacts range from 0.001 to 0.18 acre, as shown in Table 4.2 of the Environmental Assessment.